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8 **UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**

9 **DISTRICT OF NEVADA**

10 THOMAS A. WUNDERLICH,

2:21-cv00486-JAD-EJY

11 Plaintiff,

**STIPULATED**  
**CONFIDENTIALITY**  
**AGREEMENT AND**  
**PROTECTIVE ORDER**

12 v.

13 STATE FARM MUTUAL AUTOMOBILE  
INSURANCE COMPANY

14 Defendant  
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17 Plaintiff THOMAS A. WUNDERLICH and Defendant STATE FARM  
18 MUTUAL AUTOMOBILE INSURANCE COMPANY (“State Farm”) (collectively,  
19 the “Parties”), through their undersigned counsel, hereby submit this Stipulated  
20 Confidentiality Agreement and Protective Order (“Protective Order”) and state as  
21 follows:

22 1. State Farm possesses certain information and documents that contain  
23 confidential, proprietary, or trade secret information that may be subject to



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1 discovery in this action, but that should not be made publicly available.

2       2.       The parties therefore request that the Court enter this Protective  
3 Order to properly balance the discovery rights of the Plaintiff with State Farm's  
4 rights to protect its private, confidential, proprietary, or trade secret information.

5       3.       All production and disclosure of information designated as  
6 CONFIDENTIAL, TRADE SECRET, or SUBJECT TO PROTECTIVE ORDER, by  
7 State Farm during this litigation shall be governed by this Order, including, but  
8 not limited to, information contained in or derived from documents, deposition  
9 testimony, deposition exhibits, trial testimony, computer memory or archives, other  
10 written, recorded or graphic matter, and all copies, excerpts, or summaries thereof  
11 (collectively, "information").

12       4.       Information subject to this Protective Order shall be designated  
13 CONFIDENTIAL, TRADE SECRET, or SUBJECT TO PROTECTIVE ORDER by  
14 State Farm by stamping "CONFIDENTIAL," "TRADE SECRET," or otherwise  
15 indicating confidentiality, trade secret or produced subject to this Protective Order,  
16 as appropriate, on the face of a single-page document, on at least the initial page of  
17 a multi-page document, and in a prominent location on the exterior of any tangible  
18 object. Any electronically stored information may be designated as  
19 CONFIDENTIAL, TRADE SECRET, or SUBJECT TO PROTECTIVE ORDER  
20 through a correspondence providing the media and a hard copy or printout shall be  
21 treated as protected material of the same designation. Designation may only be  
22 made after a good faith review by counsel of record and counsel making a  
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1 designation shall comply with the standards set forth in FRCP 26(g) when  
2 designating information as CONFIDENTIAL, TRADE SECRET or SUBJECT TO  
3 PROTECTIVE ORDER.

4       5. With respect to deposition testimony and deposition exhibits, State  
5 Farm may, either on the record at the deposition or by written notice to counsel for  
6 Plaintiff no later than forty-five (45) days after receipt of the transcript of said  
7 deposition, designate portions of testimony and/or exhibits from the deposition as  
8 CONFIDENTIAL, TRADE SECRET, or SUBJECT TO PROTECTIVE ORDER. All  
9 testimony or exhibits, regardless of whether designated as CONFIDENTIAL,  
10 TRADE SECRET, or SUBJECT TO PROTECTIVE ORDER on the record, shall be  
11 treated as CONFIDENTIAL, TRADE SECRET, or SUBJECT TO PROTECTIVE  
12 ORDER until forty-five (45) days after receipt of the transcript of said deposition by  
13 all parties. Certain depositions may, in their entirety, be designated  
14 CONFIDENTIAL, TRADE SECRET, or SUBJECT TO PROTECTIVE ORDER  
15 prior to being taken because of the anticipated testimony. **Furthermore, any**  
16 **document designated as CONFIDENTIAL, TRADE SECRET, or SUBJECT**  
17 **TO PROTECTIVE ORDER shall maintain that designation and the**  
18 **protections afforded thereto if introduced or discussed during a**  
19 **deposition.**

20       6. The inadvertent or unintentional disclosure by State Farm of  
21 information considered to be CONFIDENTIAL, TRADE SECRET, or SUBJECT TO  
22 PROTECTIVE ORDER shall not be deemed a waiver in whole or in part of State  
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1 Farm's claim of protection pursuant to this Protective Order, either as to the  
2 specific information disclosed or as to any other information relating thereto. Any  
3 such inadvertently or unintentionally disclosed information shall be designated as  
4 CONFIDENTIAL, TRADE SECRET, or SUBJECT TO PROTECTIVE ORDER as  
5 soon as reasonably practicable after State Farm becomes aware of the erroneous  
6 disclosure and shall thereafter be treated as such by all receiving persons absent  
7 re-designation pursuant to Court order. Upon receipt of the properly designated  
8 documents, the recipient must return or destroy the non-designated set within  
9 three (3) days. If the recipient destroys the documents, then the recipient must  
10 provide written certification of the destruction to the producer of the information  
11 within three (3) days of receipt of the properly designated documents. In addition,  
12 the production or disclosure by State Farm of an attorney-client privileged,  
13 attorney work product, or other protected document or information, whether  
14 inadvertent or otherwise, shall not be deemed a waiver of the privilege, work  
15 product, or other protection or immunity from discovery by State Farm in this or  
16 any subsequent state or federal proceeding pursuant to Federal Rule of Evidence  
17 502 regardless of the circumstances of disclosure. If any party becomes aware of  
18 the production or disclosure of such protected information by State Farm, that  
19 party shall provide written notice of such production or disclosure within three (3)  
20 days after it becomes aware that protected information has been disclosed or  
21 produced.

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1           7.       When information which is CONFIDENTIAL, TRADE SECRET, or  
2 SUBJECT TO PROTECTIVE ORDER is presented, quoted or referenced in any  
3 deposition, hearing, trial or other proceeding, counsel for the offering party shall  
4 make arrangements or, when appropriate, request the Court to make  
5 arrangements, to ensure that only persons entitled to such information pursuant to  
6 Paragraph 10 are present during such presentation, quotation or reference.

7           8.       Subject to the requirements of Paragraph 12 of this Agreement, no  
8 person receiving information designated as CONFIDENTIAL, TRADE SECRET, or  
9 SUBJECT TO PROTECTIVE ORDER shall disclose it or its contents to any person  
10 other than those described in Paragraph 10 below; no such disclosure shall be made  
11 for any purposes other than those specified in that paragraph; and in no event shall  
12 such person make any other use of such information. Counsel shall be responsible  
13 for obtaining prior written agreement to be bound to the terms of this Agreement  
14 from all persons to whom any information so designated is disclosed, and shall be  
15 responsible for maintaining a list of all persons to whom any information so  
16 designated is disclosed and, for good cause shown, such list shall be available for  
17 inspection by counsel for State Farm upon order of the Court; provided, however,  
18 that the requirements of this sentence shall not apply to disclosures made pursuant  
19 to Paragraphs 10(h) and/or 12 of this Protective Order.

20           9.       Except as agreed by State Farm or as otherwise provided herein,  
21 including in Paragraphs 10(h) and 12 of this Protective Order, information  
22 designated as CONFIDENTIAL, TRADE SECRET, or SUBJECT TO  
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1 PROTECTIVE ORDER shall (1) only be used in the preparation for trial and/or any  
2 appeal of this Action and (2) be maintained in confidence by the party(ies) to whom  
3 it is produced and not disclosed by such party(ies) except to persons entitled to  
4 access thereto pursuant to Paragraph 10 below. Except as provided in Paragraphs  
5 10(h), (g), (k), and 12 of this Protective Order, information which is  
6 CONFIDENTIAL, TRADE SECRET, or SUBJECT TO PROTECTIVE ORDER may  
7 not be used by any person receiving such material for any business or competitive  
8 purpose or for use in matters other than this lawsuit, including other matters  
9 involving State Farm.

10 10. Information designated as CONFIDENTIAL, TRADE SECRET, or  
11 SUBJECT TO PROTECTIVE ORDER by State Farm shall be disclosed only to the  
12 following persons:

- 13 (a) attorneys actively working on or supervising the work on this case;  
14 (b) persons regularly employed or associated with the attorneys actively  
15 working on this case whose assistance is required by said attorneys in the  
16 preparation for trial, at trial, or at other proceedings in this case;  
17 (c) the parties, including designated representatives and counsel for the  
18 entity defendant;  
19 (d) expert witnesses and consultants retained in connection with this  
20 proceeding, to the extent such disclosure is necessary for preparation, trial or other  
21 proceedings in this case and the expert or consultant has signed a written  
22 acknowledgement attached as **Exhibit A** that must be signed and returned to  
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1 State Farm prior to the materials being provided to the expert;

2 (e) the Court and its employees (“Court Personnel”);

3 (f) stenographic and video reporters who are engaged in proceedings  
4 necessarily incident to the conduct of this action;

5 (g) deponents, witnesses, or potential witnesses, who have first-hand  
6 knowledge of the document and have signed a written acknowledgment attached as  
7 **Exhibit A;**

8 (h) the Nevada Division of Insurance, Nevada Attorney General, law  
9 enforcement officers, and/or other government agencies, as permitted or required  
10 by applicable state and federal law, including, but not limited to, NRS 686A.283 to  
11 NRS 686A.289, inclusively;

12 (i) a jury involved in litigation concerning the claims and any defenses to  
13 any claims in this lawsuit;

14 (j) anyone as otherwise required by law;

15 (k) as authorized by State Farm in writing; and

16 (l) other persons by written agreement of the parties when the person  
17 has signed a written acknowledgement attached as Exhibit A.

18 11. Subject to Paragraph 12 of this Protective Order, the recipient of any  
19 information designated CONFIDENTIAL, TRADE SECRET, or SUBJECT TO  
20 PROTECTIVE ORDER pursuant to this Agreement shall maintain information in  
21 a secure and safe area and shall exercise due and proper care with respect to the  
22 storage, custody and use of all such information.  
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1           12.     Nothing in this Protective Order disallows State Farm's maintenance  
2 or use of information and documents in or pursuant to: its electronic claim system;  
3 the privacy requirements of the Nevada Division of Insurance and other applicable  
4 state and federal laws; the records retention requirements of the Nevada Division  
5 of Insurance, the Nevada Rules of Professional Conduct, or other applicable state  
6 and federal laws; the records retention practices of State Farm; and any written  
7 Court Order. Further, nothing in this Protective Order disallows reporting of  
8 information by State Farm as permitted and/or required by applicable state and  
9 federal law, including NRS 686A.283 to NRS 686A.289, inclusively, or reporting to  
10 the Insurance Services Office, Inc.

11           13.     Plaintiff may at any time request from State Farm, in writing, the  
12 release of information designated as CONFIDENTIAL, TRADE SECRET, or  
13 SUBJECT TO PROTECTIVE ORDER from the requirements of the terms and  
14 provisions of this Protective Order. After fourteen days of receiving a written  
15 request, counsel for State Farm and Counsel for Plaintiff shall attempt to meet and  
16 confer in good faith. If the parties are unable to agree as to whether the  
17 information at issue is properly designated CONFIDENTIAL TRADE SECRET, or  
18 SUBJECT TO PROTECTIVE ORDER, State Farm may raise the issue of such  
19 designation with the Court pursuant to FRCP 26. State Farm must raise the issue  
20 with the Court and/or move for protection within thirty days of the meet and  
21 confer. The burden of proving protection rests upon State Farm under FRCP 26  
22 and Ninth Circuit case law. Any information submitted to the Court for review  
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1 shall be submitted under seal and for in camera review. Pending a ruling from the  
2 Court, State Farm's designation shall control.

3 14. Nothing in this Protective Order shall preclude any party from  
4 responding to a validly issued subpoena, provided, however, that the party  
5 responding to the subpoena shall provide written notice of such subpoena to the  
6 attorney of the party that originally produced the documents within three (3) days  
7 of receipt of a subpoena, which seeks production or disclosure of the information  
8 which is designated CONFIDENTIAL, TRADE SECRET, or SUBJECT TO  
9 PROTECTIVE ORDER. Production or disclosure of information which is  
10 designated CONFIDENTIAL, TRADE SECRET, or SUBJECT TO PROTECTIVE  
11 ORDER may not occur until the deadline set forth in a validly issued subpoena,  
12 absent agreement of the parties.

13 15. Nothing in this Protective Order shall prevent or restrict counsel for  
14 State Farm from inspecting, reviewing, using, or disclosing the information  
15 designated as CONFIDENTIAL, TRADE SECRET, or SUBJECT TO  
16 PROTECTIVE ORDER. No disclosure pursuant to this paragraph shall waive any  
17 rights or privileges of any party granted by this Protective Order.

18 16. Nothing in this Protective Order shall be construed as a limitation on  
19 the use of evidence in a submission to the Court or at trial, subject to such  
20 confidentiality provisions as may be ordered by the Court. However, prior to  
21 utilizing or filing a document which is designated CONFIDENTIAL, TRADE  
22 SECRET, or SUBJECT TO PROTECTIVE ORDER, the party intending to utilize  
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1 the document shall comply with LR IA 10-5 and *Kamakana v. City and County of*  
2 *Honolulu*, 447 F.3d 1172 (9th Cir. 2006), or must provide notice to Counsel for  
3 State Farm within a reasonable time, but in any event not fewer than 10 judicial  
4 days, to file a motion pursuant to LR IA 10-5 and *Kamakana* to show particularized  
5 good cause or particularized compelling reasons to file those documents under seal.

6 LR IA 10-5(a) provides:

7 Unless otherwise permitted by statute, rule or prior court order,  
8 papers filed with the court under seal must be accompanied by a  
9 motion for leave to file those documents under seal. If papers are  
10 filed under seal under prior court order, the papers must state  
11 on the first page, directly under the case number: “FILED  
UNDER SEAL PURSUANT TO COURT ORDER (ECF  
No.\_\_\_\_).” All papers filed under seal will remain sealed until  
the court either denies the motion to seal or enters an order  
unsealing them.

12 Pursuant to *Kamakana* and LR IA 10-5(a), any documents designated as  
13 “CONFIDENTIAL” and attached to a non-dispositive motion shall be accompanied  
14 by a motion showing a particularized good cause for leave to file those documents  
15 under seal, including but not limited to citation to this protective order.  
16 Furthermore, any documents designated as “CONFIDENTIAL” and attached to a  
17 dispositive motion shall be accompanied by a motion showing a particularized  
18 compelling reason for leave to file those documents under seal. Should the Court  
19 request further reasons or cause for the sealing of the documents, the burden  
20 remains with State Farm to respond to the Court’s request in the time and manner  
21 requested by the Court.

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1           17.     The obligations of this Protective Order shall survive the termination  
2 of this action and continue to bind the parties and their counsel. The Court will  
3 have continuing jurisdiction to enforce this Protective Order irrespective of the  
4 manner in which this action is terminated.

5           18.     Within thirty-five (35) days of the final determination of this action,  
6 each person or party who has received information designated CONFIDENTIAL,  
7 TRADE SECRET, or SUBJECT TO PROTECTIVE ORDER shall return all  
8 documents and information subject to this Protective Order, including any copies or  
9 extracts or summaries thereof, or to destroy such information and certify that it  
10 has been destroyed, except that the recipient need not destroy or return transcripts  
11 of depositions and materials filed with the Court, and party may retain one  
12 archival copy of all pleadings in the action, regardless of whether such pleadings  
13 (including appendices) contain or refer to information designated CONFIDENTIAL,  
14 TRADE SECRET, or SUBJECT TO PROTECTIVE ORDER; provided, however,  
15 that the requirements of this Paragraph are subject to the requirements of  
16 Paragraphs 10(h) and 12 of this Protective Order and to the routine business  
17 practices of State Farm, and also subject to the regular business practices for  
18 maintenance and destruction of client files by the parties' counsel. Within seven (7)  
19 days of the final determination of this action, counsel of record who has provided  
20 information designated CONFIDENTIAL, TRADE SECRET, or SUBJECT TO  
21 PROTECTIVE ORDER to other individuals must inform those individuals that the  
22 matter has reached final determination and remind them of the return or  
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1 destruction obligation. To the extent that this Protective Order requires the  
2 destruction or return of documents at the conclusion of this case, this requirement  
3 is not intended to require State Farm or its counsel to return or destroy any  
4 documents that they are otherwise required by law to maintain.

5 19. This Protective Order may be modified by the Court at any time for  
6 good cause shown following notice to all parties and an opportunity for them to be  
7 heard. The Court shall retain jurisdiction to modify the terms of this Protective  
8 Order.

9 20. Nothing in this Protective Order shall prohibit any party from filing a  
10 motion seeking further or different protection from the Court, or from filing a  
11 motion with respect to the manner in which the information designated  
12 CONFIDENTIAL, TRADE SECRET, or SUBJECT TO PROTECTIVE ORDER shall  
13 be treated at trial.

14 21. Subject to the requirements of Paragraph 16 of this Protective Order,  
15 State Farm or any party wishing to use any CONFIDENTIAL, TRADE SECRET,  
16 or SUBJECT TO PROTECTIVE ORDER information or document in any brief,  
17 memorandum, motion, affidavit, or other paper filed with the Court shall file a  
18 motion to restrict access pursuant to LR IC 1-1(i) and referencing this Protective  
19 Order, and shall request access restriction to limit access to the parties and the  
20 court in CM/ECF - PACER.

21 22. This Protective Order may be executed in counterparts, each of which  
22 shall constitute one and the same agreement.  
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1 DATED September 21, 2021

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**THE COTTLE FIRM**

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/s/ Daniel M. Ryan

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11 **ORDER**

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13 **IT IS SO ORDERED.**

14 Dated: September 22, 2021

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17 UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE  
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**EXHIBIT A**  
**ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF RECEIPT AND AGREEMENT TO COMPLY  
WITH STIPULATED CONFIDENTIALITY AGREEMENT AND  
PROTECTIVE ORDER**

The undersigned, \_\_\_\_\_, hereby acknowledges that he/she has been provided with a copy of the Parties' **Stipulated Confidentiality Agreement and Protective Order** entered in the case no. 2:21-cv00486-JAD-EJY, captioned *WUNDERLICH v. STATE FARM MUTUAL AUTOMOBILE INSURANCE COMPANY*, in the United States District Court for the District of Nevada. The undersigned has reviewed said Stipulated Confidentiality Agreement and Protective Order and hereby agrees to be bound by the terms thereof.

DATED this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_.

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Litigation Participant - Signature

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